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**HORTICULTURE EXPERT MELINDA MYERS TO SPEAK AT
2006 NORTHWEST FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW**

Milwaukee, Wis. - November 10, 2005 - Horticulture expert and author Melinda Myers will speak at the 2006 Northwest Flower & Garden Show - North America's third largest, world-class flower and garden show - February 8-12, 2006 in Seattle, Washington. Myers will present "*Designing with Four-Season Foliage: High Voltage Color Gardens Without the Flowers*" and "*Right Plants...Right Pot: Matching Plant Palettes to Pot Style*" on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia®. In addition, Myers will answer gardening questions at the Monrovia® booth and participate in several book signings.

Myers, best known for her practical, gardener-friendly approach to gardening, has more than 25 years of horticultural experience in both hands-on and instructional settings. She has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, and is a horticulture instructor at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Outside the classroom, Myers shares her expertise through a variety of media outlets. She is the author of numerous gardening books, including the *Birds and Blooms Ultimate Garden Guide*. She hosts "Great Lakes Gardener," seen on PBS stations throughout the United States, the "Plant Doctor" show on WTMJ radio in Milwaukee, writes the twice monthly "Gardeners' Questions" column for *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* and is a contributing editor and columnist for *Birds and Blooms* and *Backyard Living* magazines. For more information visit www.melindamyers.com.

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Descriptions and times of Myers' 2006 Northwest Flower & Garden Show presentations are:

Designing with Four-Season Foliage

High Voltage Color Gardens Without the Flowers

Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30 pm on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

Thursday, February 9 at 3:00 pm on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

Saturday, February 11 at 6:45 pm on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

Sunday, February 12 at 9:30 am on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

Discover a wealth of bold leaved plants for the garden with eye-popping compositions using the hippest varieties of foliage plants. Flowering plants may be the darlings of spring and summer, but interesting and colorful foliage will give your garden the much-needed year 'round color you hope for.

Right Plants...Right Pot!

Matching Plant Palettes to Pot Styles

Friday, February 10 at 5:15 pm on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

Saturday, February 11 at 12:15 pm on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 pm on the Demonstration Stage sponsored by Monrovia

The secret to good container gardening starts with the container. Learn how to choose the right container for different locations and situations, and then choose the perfect plants to complement the container. Whether you have a balcony, a small patio, and narrow entryway or an elevated deck, there's a container solution for every spot. And container gardening is easy and portable! A book signing will immediately follow each seminar.

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